

# Socioeconomic and Economic Data

## Analysis of Industrial Employment by County

With information gathered from the 2010 Harris Indiana Industrial Directory, the largest employers were identified in each county. Then the employment numbers were tracked over the last eight years. With that information we identified what type of manufacturing was largest in each county and the employment levels of that industry.

### **CRAWFORD**

According to the 2010 Census data, the largest industrial employment in Crawford County is in the manufacturing sector. The biggest employers in the county have been Mulzer Crushed Stone Inc. and Jasper Engines and Transmissions, Inc.

Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc., was established in 1945, and manufactures riprap, crushed stone, agricultural lime, sand & gravel construction materials, wholesale brick, stone, ready-mix concrete and related products. Their employment for 2010 is 187 (with locations in English, Leavenworth and Tower Quarry) which is up from 168 in 2007 and from 143 in 2003.

Jasper Engines and Transmissions Inc., was established in 1997. They manufacture drive trains, engines and transmissions. Disassembly and cleaning is the primary function at this industry. The employment at the Leavenworth plant has decreased from 300 in 2003 to 100 in 2007 and remains at 100 in 2010.

Sawmills, Planing, Logging and Wood Products also contribute to employment in Crawford County.

### **DUBOIS**

In 2009 thirty-four percent of Dubois County's employment is in the manufacturing sector, with a high volume of the manufacturing being in the wood working manufacturing industry. This is a decrease of manufacturing from thirty-seven and a half percent in 2007. There are seven industries located in Dubois County that employ over 400 employees, and four of the seven are in the wood or furniture-manufacturing sector.

Kimball International, Inc. is the largest employer in the county, employing approximately 3,300 people. Kimball was established in 1950 and produces a number of products. Originally they focused on furniture and piano's. In 1974 they expanded to fully upholstered home and office only. In 1961 they started manufacturing printed circuit boards and electronic assemblies and do other electronic products on a contract basis. The employment of Kimball has fluctuated from 2,275 employees in 2003 to 2,020 employees in 2007 and 3,300 in 2010.

Masterbrand Cabinets, Inc., (formerly Aristokraft Inc.) was established in 1968. They manufacture wooden & laminated kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Masterbrand Cabinets currently employs 1,508 employees in Ferdinand, Huntingburg and Jasper which is up from 960 employees in 2007 and 894 in the year 2003 and is the second largest employer.

Jasper Engines & Transmissions Inc., is the third largest employer in the county. This company was established in 1952. They remanufacture imported and domestic gas and diesel engines and transmissions, differential and rear axle assemblies, stem drives, alternate fuel engines and performance products. Employment has decreased at the Jasper plant from 1,500 in 2003 to 900 in 2007 and remains at 900 in 2010.

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Jasper Rubber Products, Inc. is the fourth largest employer in the county according to the 2010 Harris Indiana Industrial Directory. Jasper Rubber was established in 1949 and manufactures rubber mechanical, molded, extruded and lathe cut gaskets, as well as molded and extruded thermoplastic rubber. Jasper Rubber Products has maintained its employment levels over the last five years. In 2003 Jasper Rubber hired 869. In 2007 employees working at Jasper Rubber Products totaled 850 and remains at 850 employees in 2010.

Office Furniture Systems, Inc. (OFS) was established in 1933 and manufactures wood office furniture. OFS desires to expand and hire new employees in Huntingburg. The expansion is on hold due to the economic climate. Their expansion is still a need and hopes to proceed are improving. Their employment increased from 785 in 2003 to 853 in 2007 and for 2010 is 817.

Best Chairs headquartered in Ferdinand with additional facilities in Jasper has 731 employees in 2010. Best Chairs was established in 1962 and manufactures upholstered wooden chairs and wholesale furniture.

Farbest Foods, Inc. established in Huntingburg in 1973, employs 420 in turkey processing in 2010.

### ORANGE

Orange County's biggest industrial employer is in the manufacturing sector. The largest employer is in the wood or furniture industry. Orange County has five companies that have 80 or more employees.

Paoli, Inc., which was established in 1926, was Orange County's biggest employer in 2007, employing 625 people, compared to 635 in 2003. Paoli, Inc. manufactured desks and upholstered furniture. According to the 2010 Harris Industrial Directory Paoli, Inc. has only two employees.

Kimball International Mktg., located in West Baden Springs, has 200 employees in 2010. Wood office furniture is manufactured at Kimball.

Pluto Corporation (a division of AHF Industries) offers "total in-plant" services specializing in both the production of HPDE custom blow molded bottles and the filling and packaging of liquid household products for national and regional customers. Pluto is a contract packaging and labeling service provider. This company was established in 1913, and has maintained its employment at 110 full-time employees from 2003 to 2010.

Mi-Lin Wood Products, makes wood dimension products and maintains its employment at 100 from 2003-2010.

Indiana Handle Co. (IHC) located in Paoli hires 90 employees in 2010 down from 100 in 2007. IHC was established in 1932 and manufactures wood furniture turnings.

JSI, Inc., established in 1971, manufactures wooden office furniture. JSI has maintained 80 employees in 2007-2010, down from 125 in 2003.

Best Chairs, Inc manufactures upholstered wooden chairs in Paoli, employing 48 in 2010. They are headquartered in Ferdinand and have a plant in Jasper. Best Chairs is located in three of the region's counties.

A major change to the economy in Orange County occurred in 2007 with the opening of the French Lick Casino. Two historic hotels were restored to their original grandeur at a cost of over \$382 million. The West Baden Springs Hotel is a National Historic Landmark. The Casino is operated by the Cook Group. Nearly, 1,500 employees are working at the hotels or Casino. The unemployment rate has declined as a result.

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### PERRY

Perry County's largest industrial employment is also in manufacturing at 35.6 percent. Perry County has six manufacturers that employ 100 people or more. Unlike the other counties in the region, Perry County manufacturing industry is more diverse and not heavily dependent on the wood or furniture industry.

Perry County's Thyssen Krupp Waupaca, Inc. established in 1997 manufactures gray iron foundries, castings and parts. Waupaca's employment has remained at 760 employees from 2007-2010. The Tell City, Indiana Thyssen Krupp Waupaca Foundry is for sale. According to Chris Kinnett, Executive Director, Perry County Development Corporation, "ThyssenKrupp Waupaca Plant 5 in Tell City, IN is a strong brand based on quality products and a highly productive work force. We look forward to working with any company interested in the purchase of Waupaca. Perry County and the Perry County Development Corporation have worked closely with the Tell City facility to improve infrastructure and address issues relevant to the company's long term profitability.

ATTC Manufacturing Inc. established in 2001, manufactures plastic automotive parts and hired 200 employees in 2007. ATTC's employment increased to 281 in 2010.

Perry County's third largest employer is the Schwab Corp., which was established in 1964. The Schwab Corp. manufactures metal safes and vaults. The Schwab Corp. had 70 employees in 2003 and increased to 130 employees in 2007 and maintains 130 employees in 2010.

Parker Hannifin Corp, was established in 1963. They manufacture liquid and gas filtration media and honeycomb lifter tubes and bags, microfiber depth filters and pleated cartridges. Parker Hannifin has 100 employees in 2010 compared to 100 in 2003 and 120 in 2007.

Tell City Coca-Cola Bottling employs 100 in the manufacturing of soft drinks since 1920.

Stewart Warner South Wind Corp in Troy, Indiana established in 1987 hires 100 and manufactures heat exchanges, condensers and components, wholesales aircraft engines and parts, flight instrument repair service, and manufactures heating equipment.

Can-Clay Corp manufactures clay sewer pipes or fittings and has 80 employees in Cannelton, Indiana.

Swiss Plywood Corp established in 1956 employs 57 in 2010 to manufacture wooden entertainment cabinets.

Best Chairs in Cannelton employs 80 in 2010 and manufactures wood and metal furniture. Best Chairs has a strong regional presence in three of the six counties in the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission district.

Mulzer Crushed Stone hires 40 employees in Perry County. Mulzer Crushed Stone also has a regional presence in four of the six counties of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission.

Phil Etienne's Timber Harvest established in 1983 has 45 employees in 2010. They are a saw and planing mill, hardwood dimension and flooring mill.

Consolidated Recycling plant in Troy, employs 30 in 2010. Plans to upgrade equipment worth \$892,000, to add anti-freeze processing equipment and add five employees is under tax abatement consideration. PCDC reports the average payroll per employee as \$45,714. The total economic impact is expected to be more than \$140 million and includes jobs, payroll, output and tax revenues for the years 2011 through 2020.

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### PIKE

Twenty-eight percent of Pike County's industry employment is in manufacturing according to the U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder 2009. Pike County has three employers that have 75 or more employees, one is in the mining industry.

Solar Sources began in 1974 and mines bituminous coal and employed 87 from 2007-2010, up from 20 in 2003.

Pike County Area Rehabilitation Center (PCARC) is the second largest employer in Pike County. It was established in 1974. Pike County Area Rehabilitation is a sheltered workshop for cardboard and metal recycling. Their employment levels for 2010 is 84 and in 2007 was 90 from 70 in 2003.

Four Star Fabricators, Inc. established in 1981 manufactures stainless, plate and structural steel fabricating. They have maintained their same employment in 2003, 2007, and 2010 at 75 employees.

Onyett Fabricators, Inc. was established in 1998. In 2010 Onyett has 50 employees and manufactures steel fabricated concrete reinforcing bars.

Kindill Mining, Inc. was established in 1972, and mines underground bituminous coal. Kindill Mining in 2007 has 42 employees.

Triad Mining employed 34 in 2010 and has provided coal mining services since 2003.

Tangent Rail Products manufactures outdoor wood structural products and in 2010 employed 30.

Sisson Steel, Inc. located in Winslow employs 17. Sisson Steel was established in 1983 and fabricates steel, architectural metalwork, plates and sheet metal.

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### SPENCER

Like the other five counties in the region, Spencer County's biggest industrial employer is in the manufacturing sector. Over twenty-four percent of Spencer County's labor force is employed in the manufacturing sector.

Spencer County's biggest employer is Spencer Industries, Inc. which was established in 1971. They manufacture thermoformed plastic parts, TV, exercise, and appliance parts. Spencer Industries employs 422 in 2010, 425 employees in 2007, the same as in 2003.

Kimball National Office Furniture—Santa Claus was established in 1983. In 2010 the Santa Claus plant employed approximately 390 compared to 500 in 2007. Kimball National Office Furniture—Santa Claus, manufactures wooden and laminated television cabinets, speaker enclosures and stands.

St. Meinrad Archabbey is the third largest employer in Spencer County and one of the oldest. Abbey Press was established in 1867. They are a printing and direct marketing service. The Abbey Press has 275 employees in 2010 down from their 2003-2007 employment figures of 425 employees.

Thermwood Corp. established in 1969, hires 120 employees in 2010 down from 150 employees in 2007 and up from 100 in 2003. Thermwood manufactures drilling, cutting, grinding and polishing robots, manufactures space vehicle equipment and manufactures wood working machinery.

AK Steel Corp., is one of Spencer County's newest companies, which was established in 1999. AK Steel manufactures hot rolled flat steel. AK Steel Corp hires 110 employees according to the 2010 Harris Indiana Industrial Directory, down from 428 employees in 2007 and from 325 in 2003.

Automated Routing established in 1993 manufactures decorative wood and woodwork. In 2010 eighty-four are employed at Automated Routing in St. Meinrad.

Foertsch Construction established 1960 hires 60 in 2010 down from 180 in 2007, and 80 in 2003. Foertsch Construction is an excavating contractor who mines coal, as well as highway construction, bridges, and tunnel construction.

Rockport Roll Shop LLC established in 1997 employs 48 and manufactures aluminum rolling and drawing.

Grandview Aluminum Products established in 1965 manufactures aluminum die castings, signs and advertising specialties; aluminum foundry; copper foundry; plate making services. In 2010 45 were employed at Grandview Aluminum.

Mulzer Crushed Stone hires 25 in 2010 at the Rockport site. Mulzer is located in four of the six regional counties and wholesales construction sand, crushed and broken limestone mining

Corn Island Shipyard, Inc. established in 1988 builds and repairs barges hiring 4 in 2010 down from 100 in 2007, and 42 in 2003.

Peerless Pottery, Inc., was established in 1902 and manufactured vitreous china plumbing fixtures. Peerless Pottery closed its doors in 2004 with 160 employees losing their jobs.